

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached complete set of drawing sheets for the previously presented drawing sheets. The attached sheets of drawings includes an amended Figure 6 in which reference numeral 66 (left hand side) has been changed to 68, as suggested in the Action. An annotated Figure 6 showing the amendment is attached.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on April 11, 2007. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Fig. 6 of the drawings stands objected because reference character 66 on the window should be 68. The drawing has been accordingly corrected to overcome this objection.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. The claims have been accordingly amended to overcome this rejection.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Markbreit (WO 01/29353).

Claims 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Markbreit in view of Hautau (EP 1061215).

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Markbreit in view of Hautau and in further view of Sandrock (US 4282769).

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hautau (EP 1061215).

Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejections. It is not clear from the text of Markbreit or Hautau that they achieve geometric locking. In the instant specification,

page 2, first full paragraph, geometric locking has been defined as follows: "By 'geometric locking' it is meant that a portion of the locking member moves in a channel, groove or similar passage, and at some point is prevented from moving further in the channel at least partially by a geometric shape or arrangement of the channel with respect to the locking member."

It is not clear from the text of the cited art if the shape of the channels in Markbreit and Hautau achieve such geometric locking.

However, for the purposes of expediting allowance, claims have been amended to recite structure clearly not found or taught in any of the cited art, whether considered singly or in combination. Specifically the limit of travel (terminus) at which the geometric locking occurs has been defined to be generally perpendicular to the rest of the channel.

It is respectfully submitted that this structure is patentable and that accordingly all the claims of record are deemed allowable.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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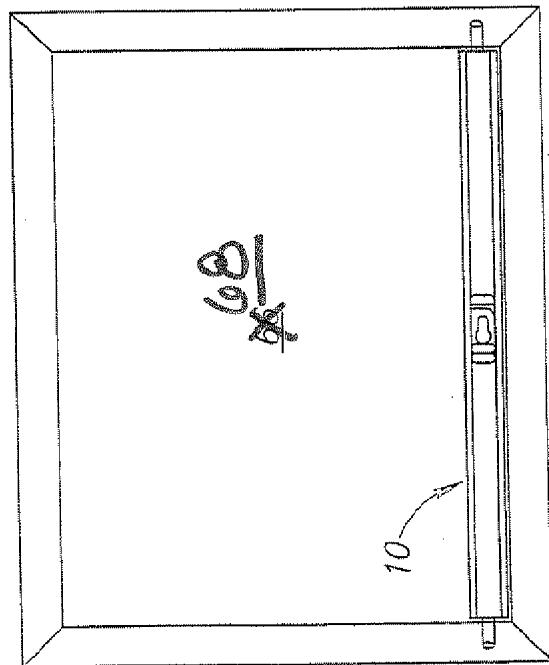
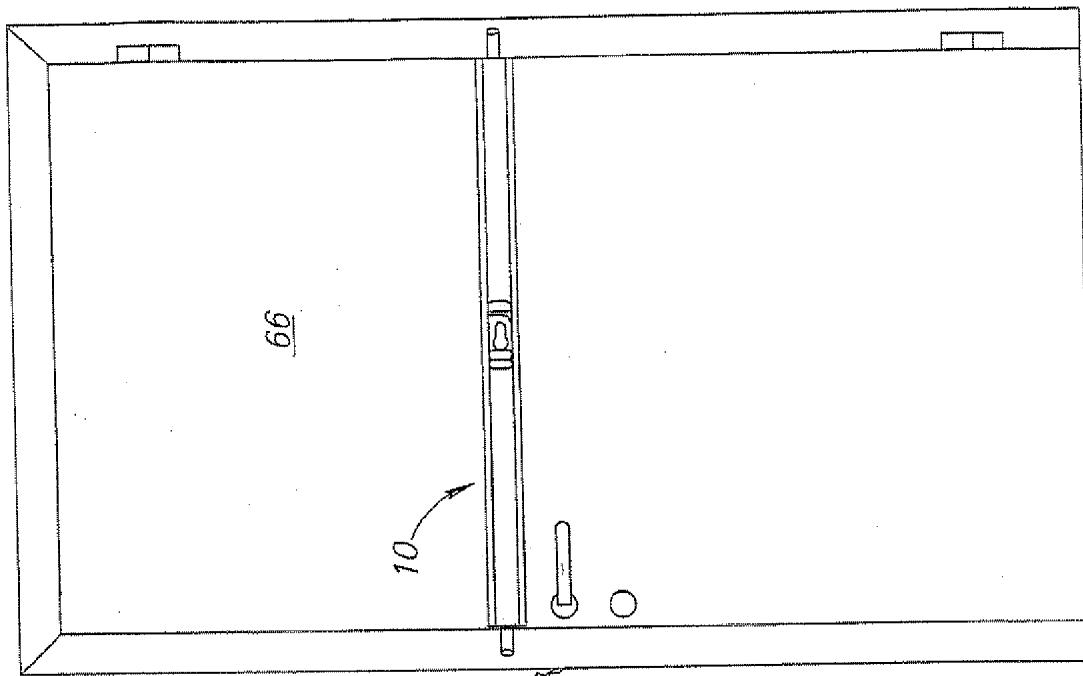


FIG. 6